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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Undergraduate: Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah

Westminster is a nationally recognized, comprehensive liberal arts college distinguished by its unique environment for learning. With a broad array of graduate and undergraduate programs, Westminster prepares students for success with its emphasis on engaged learning, real world experiences and its vibrant campus community. These are further enriched by the opportunities presented by Westminster's unique location, adjacent to the Rocky Mountains and to the dynamic city of Salt Lake.

All international students are automatically considered for a merit based scholarship when admitted to Westminster. Freshman scholarships for 2008-2009 range from \$6,000 to \$14,000 per year depending on the students' test scores and grade point average. Scholarships are also renewable up to four years allowing a possible \$56,000 to study at Westminster.

For American International Schools Westminster College is also providing an additional \$1000 scholarship per year to graduates of English Language American International Schools.

All international transfer students are automatically considered for a merit based scholarship as well. Transfer scholarships for 2008-2009 range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year depending on the student's grade point average.

Please visit <http://www.westminstercollege.edu> for more information and to apply online. Westminster College, Salt Lake City is also part of the common application.

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Undergraduate: Denison University International Student Grant, Granville, Ohio

Denison is a four-year, residential, national liberal arts college located in central Ohio. Approximately 2,100 students from throughout the United States and over 40 countries are enrolled in this highly selective, geographically and ethnically diverse institution.

"Denison welcomes and celebrates its multicultural diversity. Our strong academic reputation attracts talented students from around the world. Within our close-knit community of students representing 48 states and about as many countries, you'll interact with people of many different faiths and cultural backgrounds."

Denison annually offers more than 1000 academic scholarships for first year students.

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Application Deadline

Scholarships & General Admission: January 15.

Eligibility Requirements

Denison uses the Common Application, <http://www.commonapp.org>. There is no application fee for students applying online or from overseas.

Scholarships:

Denison annually offers more than 1000 academic scholarships for first year students. If you wish to be considered for one of these, be sure to submit a completed admissions application (http://www.denison.edu/admissions/application_materials.html) **by January 15, unless otherwise noted.** All of Denison's academic scholarships and awards are renewable for four years by maintaining the award's stipulated grade point average.

Denison scholarships have different requirements. Please check http://www.denison.edu/admissions/academic_scholarships.html for details.

General Admission

Admission to Denison is competitive. Candidates should demonstrate B work or better, or the foreign equivalent. For international students whose first language is not English, a 550 TOEFL (213 computer based or 80 internet based) score is acceptable in lieu of SAT or ACT scores.

Further Information

http://www.denison.edu/admissions/international_students.html
http://www.denison.edu/admissions/academic_scholarships.html

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Graduate: The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Established in 1881 as the first collegiate school of business, today the Wharton School possesses the largest, most-cited business school faculty working in eleven academic departments and within twenty-four research centers and initiatives. Wharton's prestigious faculty and students benefit from a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum with over 200 business courses and nineteen majors to choose from including accounting, human resource management, marketing, and operations management.

More than 37 percent of the MBA class is international in origin. Global content is integrated throughout the curriculum and the school offers a wide variety of international business programs including the Lautner Institute's dual MBA/MA in international studies. The Wharton School also offers a 3-year MBA/MA dual degree program with the Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

Approximately 30% of first-year Wharton students receive merit-based fellowships including international students. Joseph Wharton Fellowships ranges from \$10,000-\$20,000. The European Fellowship of \$15,000 is awarded yearly to applicants who are citizens of Europe. Second year fellowships and assistantships are also available.

Application Deadline

Scholarships: Due with admission application

General Admission: Round 2 admission, **January 3**; Round 3 admission, **February 28**

Eligibility Requirements

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Varies with scholarship type. Potential students should consult <http://www.wharton.upenn.edu/mba/admissions/finance/grants.cfm#listA> for scholarship-specific information.

General Admission

- A college level education equivalent to a four year American undergraduate or baccalaureate degree.
- International applicants should submit the following materials:
- Official academic records from all institutions previously attended
 - TOEFL results
 - Background information
 - Non-refundable application fee of \$225
 - First time applicant essays
 - Two recommendation letters, preferably from supervisors
 - GMAT results
 - Interviews (invitation only)
 - Joint MBA/MA Lauder applicants must take a 20 minute Oral Proficiency Interview to assess their language skills

Further Information

<http://www.wharton.upenn.edu>
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Post Doctorate: The Environmental Fellows Program at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

The Harvard University Center for the Environment will name six new Environmental Fellows in April 2009. Their two-year post-doctoral program will start in September 2009. The fellows will join a group of remarkable scholars who will be beginning the second year of their fellowships. Together, the Environmental Fellows at Harvard will form a community of researchers with diverse backgrounds united by intellectual curiosity, top-quality scholarship, and a drive to understand some of the most important environmental challenges facing society.

Purpose: The Harvard University Center for the Environment created the Environmental Fellows program to enable recent doctorate recipients to use and expand Harvard's extraordinary resources to tackle complex environmental problems. The Environmental Fellows will work for two years with Harvard faculty members in any school or department to create new knowledge while also strengthening connections across the University's academic disciplines.

The award: The fellowship will provide an annual stipend of \$54,000 plus health insurance, a \$5,000 allowance for travel and professional expenses, and other employee benefits.

Application Deadline: January 15, 2009

Eligibility Requirements

- Candidates should have received their terminal degree between May 2005 and August 2009. (Fellows must have completed all requirements of their degree before starting work in September 2009.)
- Candidates with a doctorate or equivalent in any field are eligible, and they may propose research projects in any discipline. Applicants without a PhD may apply if they have studied in fields where the PhD is not the typical terminal degree. All successful candidates will be able to demonstrate experience performing scholarly research.
- Each candidate must secure a commitment from one or more Harvard faculty members to serve as a mentor and to provide office or lab space for the two-year fellowship.
- Harvard is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The Center strongly encourages women and minorities to apply.
- Candidates may have received their degrees at any university in the world. Foreign nationals are eligible for fellowships, though study at Harvard generally requires proficiency in English.
- Candidates who received terminal degrees from Harvard, and post-docs currently working at Harvard are eligible for the fellowship provided their research and host arrangements take them in new directions and forge new connections within the University. Harvard candidates should *not* propose to continue to work with the same professors or lab groups with whom they are currently associated. No candidate should propose to work extensively with his or her thesis advisor.
- Successful candidates should be prepared to commit to work at Harvard for the full two years of the fellowship.

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Selection criteria:

- *Applicant's prior academic and professional success* and his or her potential contribution to scholarship or practice
- *Project significance*: the potential impact of the research project on scholarship at Harvard and on environmental problems
- *Diversity*: The selection committee will select a group of fellows in 2008 who will complement those selected last year, creating a group of approximately a dozen men and women with diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds and a diverse set of academic interests and skills. The ideal group would include fellows working with host faculty members at every one of Harvard's professional schools and many of the departments overseen by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Recipients-and hosts-may include people with degrees in the sciences, economics, law, government, public policy, public health, medicine, design, and the full array of humanities. Their research topics will be equally varied.
- *Interdisciplinary research projects* are encouraged, although this is not a requirement for the fellowship. Candidates with interests in a single discipline are encouraged to apply.
- *Host's commitment*: the host faculty member's enthusiasm for the proposed project and fellow, the host's ability to mentor the fellow, and his or her ability to provide office space and a productive work environment.

Finding a Host:

Potential candidates should start early to identify and establish a relationship with a Harvard faculty member to host his or her research. The host will be a mentor to the fellow and will provide office space and basic administrative support. In agreeing to be a host, the faculty member is making a significant commitment.

Check website for application details: <http://www.environment.harvard.edu/program/application.htm>

Further Information

<http://www.environment.harvard.edu/program/index.htm>

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Environmental Fellows Program

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Post Doctorate: Irvington Institute Fellowship Program of the Cancer Research Institute, New York, NY

Program Description

The Irvington Institute Fellowship Program of the Cancer Research Institute, formerly the Cancer Research Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, answers the need for more researchers in the field of cancer immunology. It supports qualified young scientists at leading universities and research centers around the world who wish to receive training in cancer immunology or general immunology.

A panel of 23 scientists drawn from our Scientific Advisory Council rigorously evaluates each candidate, the intended sponsor and training environment, and the nature and feasibility of the proposed project.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have a doctoral degree by the date of award activation and must conduct their proposed research under a sponsor who holds a formal appointment at the host institution.
- Applicants with 5 or more years of relevant postdoctoral experience are not eligible, with the exception of M.D. applicants, who should not include years of residency in this calculation.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will applicants who have already spent 3 or more years in a sponsor's laboratory by the start date of fellowship be considered for a fellowship award.
- Work can be carried out in the United States or abroad but must take place at non-profit institutions.
- Only one fellow per sponsor may apply per application round, and faculty sponsors may not have more than three CRI-supported fellows at any time.

Award amount

The fellowship provides stipends of \$45,000 for the first year, \$47,000 for the second year and \$49,000 for the third year. In addition, an allowance of \$1,500 per year is allotted to the host institution for use at sponsor's discretion to help pay for the fellow's research supplies, travel to scientific meetings or health insurance. Stipends and institutional allowances are not permitted to cover administrative expenses. Payments are made monthly in U.S. currency to the host institution.

Application deadlines

Applications must be received by April 1 and October 1 annually; when those dates fall on the weekend, applications are accepted until the following Monday. Applicants are notified of fellowship decisions within approximately 10 weeks of the application deadline.

Fellowships can be activated three months after the application deadline but no later than one year of the deadline. Awards activate on the first of the month.

Applying

Applications are accepted in electronic format only. The application process requires you to download a PDF application form for institutional signature and certification. You must also submit an electronic application to CRI, during which you will be asked to upload supporting materials.

Also, CRI now designates at least two fellowship awards per round for projects with high relevance to cancer immunology. Applicants must indicate whether they wish to be considered for one of these cancer immunology postdoctoral fellowships and, if so, must provide a description of the relevance of their proposed project to cancer immunology. Applications that are not selected for a cancer immunology postdoctoral fellowship will be placed among the general application pool for consideration.

Further Information: <http://www.cancerresearch.org/Programs.aspx?id=242>

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Online Courses: North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)

Are you looking for a career change? North Dakota State College of Science may have what you are looking for! Our next semester begins January 13 so there is still time to process your application for admission so you can register for spring semester classes. Visit <http://www.ndscs.edu> and click "NDSCS Online" to see what we have to offer.

Click "Online Catalog" > "Online Course Schedules" (<http://ndscsonline.org/index.learn?action=catalog>) to see our list of courses for spring semester (including prerequisites, course costs and fees). There you will also see the program sheets for programs we offer online, including:

- Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology (Certificate of Completion for those who just need a few courses in a focus area and Associate in Applied Science Degree for those who complete the entire program)
- Business Management - eBusiness (Certificate or Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Civil Engineering and Survey Technology (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Computer Information Systems - Web Design (Certificate) and Web Developer (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Health Information - Health Information Technician (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Health Information - Medical Coding (Certificate)
- Health Information - Medical Administrative Assistant (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Health Information - Medical Transcription (Certificate)
- Office Administration - Administrative Assistant (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Office Administration - Administrative Office Management (Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Pharmacy Technician - (Certificate or Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Technical Studies - (Certificate or Associate in Applied Science Degree)
- Associate of Arts Degree
- Paraeducator (Certificate)

Further Information

Find additional information about programs and classes as well as how to apply and register at NDSCS online at <http://ndscsonline.org> or contact the NDSCS Distance Education Office.

Financial Aid Options

If you need information about financial aid options, contact the NDSCS Financial Aid Office for consultation about financial assistance. Contact Carmen Marohl (email: Carmen.Marohl@ndscs.nodak.edu) or call 1-800-342-4325 ext 2215 or Shelley Blome at 1-800-342-4325, ext 3-2191. Students need a minimum of six credits to qualify for financial assistance.

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English Language Program: Texas A&M University English Language Institute, College Station, Texas

The family atmosphere of the English Language Institute at Texas A&M University enables students to learn and develop lifelong ties in a welcoming and supportive environment. At Texas A&M faculty members are facilitators of learning that provide students the opportunity to learn and practice English, diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses, and serve as mentors.

The English Language Institute meets the needs of both beginning and advanced English learners by offering courses from a 100-300 difficulty level. Courses include American Culture and Customs, Composition, Grammar, Listening, Oral Skills, Reading, and Vocabulary. Supplemental services, such as ongoing TOEFL preparation, add to the academic experience.

Application Deadline: Prospective students should apply at least 90 days prior to the date in which they plan to enter the country. For program start and end dates, please see <http://eli.tamu.edu/admissions/dates.php>.

Eligibility Requirements

The English Language Institute accepts a variety of students over 17 years old, including prospective undergraduate and graduate students. Materials required for admission include:

- Application form
- Official bank statement in US dollars
- TOEFL or essay
- Two passport photos
- \$50 application fee
- Transcripts translated into English

Further Information

<http://eli.tamu.edu/>

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